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## AN ABSURD DECISION.

The City Trustees, in a wise and commendable spirit, passed an ordinance providing for the suppression of what are commonly known as "dives." The entire community, excepting only the keepers of these disreputable places, favored the policy. These holes are of positive injury to the city and prolific sources of crime, and consequently of heavy cost to the city. The ordinance may have been defective in some particulars, but in no way beyond remedy. But the City Attorney, being appealed to as to the power of the municipality to act as contemplated by the ordinance, renders an opinion that so long as the county licenses these places the city is powerless to suppress them, and adds that, in most cases, it would result in a saving of a great deal of time and money in the administration of medicines, and, of course, more ill than good would result from such a practice.

"The Under-taker," a bright correspondent of the Stockton *Mail*, declares that the old-time "hoodlum" of California has disappeared, and that a miserable, self-destructing, impotent and nerveless being has taken his place—the correspondent sets up a hypothesis that is, that he is dead severely alone, since he has lost his power of reproduction. There is no doubt that the moisture would affect the quality of a fruit, and it was beyond question that the supply would be limited in consequence of the fruit being beaten from the trees. The tree, however, is the best, and a few days of a warm weather might easily inflict the injury that threatens such early fruit upon the spread of the opium habit, it will continue to do it is now doing, causing death in new and a greater number of victims. We will have a class of unfortunate misers who never were hoodlums, nor specially vicious, but will be hopeless dependents.

## SAMUEL BRANNAN DEAD.

Sketch of the Life of a Prominent California Pioneer.

Samuel Brannan, the well-known California pioneer, died at Escondido on Sunday evening. He had been ill with inflammation of the bowel for about two weeks. Deceased was well known in Sacramento and throughout California. At one time he was one of the most prominent men in the city, and was a member of the Board of Supervisors of the county. He was granted the privilege to do that which the municipality denies and adjudges to be vicious and detrimental to the best interests of the city, then there is an end to city government. We repeat, the position taken by the city's legal adviser is bad, and not the law. If it is sound, of every person who pays taxes within the city can refuse to pay the city license tax and defy the municipal authorities. This would lead us into all sorts of absurdities, and practically transform a large part of the management of the affairs of this city to the people of the county, who do not pay one cent of the taxation necessary for the maintenance of municipal government. The simple fact is that the license fee collected by the county on business transacted within the city is a grant no more than a Federal license, and in the case of the latter the Supreme Court of the United States has decided that it does not confer the right to do business contrary to the local regulations, and even prohibition by a State. The right thing for the Trustees to do is to go on and enforce its ordinances, and when the right to do so is questioned they will find that the Courts will dismiss the doubts and absurdities of the City Attorney with a word, and affirm the power of the city to license and to refuse to license. It will be a serious mistake to accept the attorney's decision, and acknowledge to the Supervisors that the city government is subordinate to their will in these matters. We are confident, however, that the Supervisors do not and have not made any such claim, and are not desirous of interfering in any way with the rights of the Trustees.

According to the dispatches, a remarkable enthusiasm is developing in England for things American. We are told that in the theaters the appearance of the stars and stripes is always, nowadays, the signal for hearty applause that often breaks out into cheering. In all the places of public amusement the flag is displayed, and in some introduced into the plays because it pleases the people to see the banner of St. George and the flag of the Union moving side by side. The London newspapers show a decided tenderness for America on the Samson question, and the expressions "change" and the highest are very complimentary to the United States. It is not surprising; the English-speaking people are drawing steadily closer to each other, and the time will come when they will be one in a common purpose and destiny, however distinct they may remain in their national divisions.

THE CHARGE OF cowardice that General Butler has preferred against Admiral Porter will create a great deal of debate among military and naval men. The General alleges that Porter, then a Captain, before Forts St. Philip and Jackson, leaving Butler and his men in an exposed condition, as was then supposed, and that as his mortal flotilla steamed by Captain Porter cried out for the Butler party, to board the headquarters boat Saxon, to run, as the rebels were coming. We now have a flat denial from Admiral Porter, supplemented by the counter charge that General Butler was in cups when he said what he did, and before a week has passed all the old officers living who were engaged in the battle will be wrestling with the question, "Did Porter run or was Butler mistaken?"

**EDITORIAL NOTE AND COMMENT.**

The man who fired at the President of France, on Sunday, did the cause of the Republic infinite high service, for it awakened the latent patriotism of the nation to new love for free institutions.

In the New York *Voice* of May 2d, General Clinton B. Fiske denounces the statement that he has left the Prohibition party as an unmitigated falsehood. He is still a third party man and will stay in the fight.

The Santa Barbara *Daily Independent* has entered upon its thirteenth volume. Under the management of G. P. Tibbets it has become an excellent paper and deserves the liberal patronage accorded it by the people of Santa Barbara.

The Copper trust having failed, the move

is now on foot to create a bear trust. Now here is the point where the drifters want to say that there would not still be enough in the land, but if it is to be drunk, let not the taste of a "combine" enter into it.

A railroad is to be built from Jerusalem to Jaffa, on the Mediterranean. How this practical age is taking the edge from romance and the sacredness from things holy! Just think of the state of Palestine being made to vibrate with the noise of modern brakes! "Passengers for the Valley of Jehoshaphat will take the forward car!"

It is true that Germany has attempted to treat with Samoa so as to give the former absolute power to govern Samoa as to all foreigners our own country should consider the request of the Samoans to be null and void. The price of our flag? If, while the Congress is in session there is to be a fast and loose game played America will be justified in taking a hand, and fighting fire with its kind.

Mr. Depew's centennial oration does not read so well as one would be led to suppose from his high reputation. He is New York's favorite orator, and a famous speaker; but we are impressed from reading his speech on the centennial occasion, that the large part of his credit lies in his capacity as a writer. Certainly his speech referred to is not of that high order of thought we had expected it to be—but its delivery must have been a masterly effort.

The Marysville *Appeal* properly condemns the demand that physicians shall write their prescriptions in English. There is every reason supporting the use of a common language for the purpose, in order that all physicians, whatever their tongue, may be able to intelligently address any apothecary with whom they may come in contact with which is familiar. Moreover, as our contemporary well says, it is better for patients that they shall not be easily deceived in the use of medicine given them, for in most cases it would result in taking a hand, and demolishing a span of the iron fence.

TALKS WITH FRUIT MEN.

In a conversation with a *Record-Union* reporter yesterday afternoon, Mayor Gregory, who is one of the largest shippers of fruits in this section, said he feared that the market would be overstocked upon both growers and shippers of early fruit. The cherry trees, he said, had been almost stripped of their fruit, while the early peach crop was very injured for shipping purposes. There is no danger that the moisture would affect the quality of a fruit, and it was beyond question that the supply would be limited in consequence of the fruit being beaten from the trees. The tree, however, is the best, and a few days of a warm weather might easily inflict the injury that threatens such early fruit put upon the spread of the opium habit, it will continue to do it is now doing, causing death in new and a greater number of victims. We will have a class of unfortunate misers who never were hoodlums, nor specially vicious, but will be hopeless dependents.

POSITIVE STEPHENS, who is a large grower and shipper of fruits, when asked what he was about to do for the Bay. He said he had just come in from his orchard, and did not see any all depressed over the market. He added that a great deal of fruit had been knocked off from the trees, and there was danger that this would result to that which remained, but the damage to his orchard was not very great, and he hoped that the general market would improve. He said it may be as bad as most people feared. Undoubtedly the grain crop in some localities, especially on low, rich ground, had been almost ruined, but there is so much land that does not produce grain that there is a great deal of grain still to be harvested.

The present strawberry crop, however, was no doubt practically ruined within the storm area.

Samuel Brannan was born in the State of Maine in 1819, and after an eventful career in his youthful days as a journeyman printer and publisher, he came to California in 1849, on the ship *Bremen*, arriving on July 1st. Being desirous of gold in California, he engaged in merchandising at Sutter's Fort in Sacramento, and amassed great wealth by reason of his shrewdness and energy. All was well for years recognized as the rich man of San Francisco. In the early history of San Francisco, he always connected himself with all charitable and worthy objects, and was a member of the American Society from San Francisco, immediately resigning on account of important business engagements in New York. He was prominently connected with the Vigilance Committee, between the early days and his return to San Francisco, he was a member of the Vigilance Committee, and was a leader in the rebellion of the "Hounds." In 1861 he was one of the Presidential Electors for the Republican party, and in 1865 a member of the rebellion of the "Hounds." In 1861 he was one of the Presidential Electors for the Republican party, and in 1865 a member of the rebellion of the "Hounds." In 1861 he was one of the Presidential Electors for the Republican party, and in 1865 a member of the rebellion of the "Hounds."

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## CITY GOVERNMENT.

## PROPERTY-OWNERS WHO OPPOSE IMPROVEMENTS.

## Cemetery Records Reported Missing

—Reports of City Officials—Defective Sewer-Pipe—Etc.

The City Trustees held their weekly session yesterday morning, all the members present. The report of the Chief Engineer of the Water Works showed that during the week ending May 5th \$1,370,750 gallons of water had been pumped, the Holy Pump working 141 hours and the Stevens Pump 84 hours.

## STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Bids for improving the alley between J and K, Sixth and Seventh streets, by putting down granite or bituminous rock pavement, granite curbs, etc., were opened. The agent of the Pacific Improvement Company entered a protest to the awarding of the contract, and the matter was referred to the Board.

Bids for improving paving, etc., Twenty-sixth street from J to N, were opened. One of the bidders stated in his bid that if the property-owners were allowed to take care of the paving from the streets, as was proposed in the specification, he did not want the contract, and would ask to withdraw his bid. A lively discussion ensued, and various contractors gave their opinions.

Antone King said that he put in his bid in accordance with the specifications, and did not care whether or not the property-owners took the earth. He thought it might be better to let the contractor do it.

Other contractors held that the property-owners would take the top earth, which was easy to shovel, and leave the roots, if there happened to be any, for the contractor to remove. They thought the specifications ought to state definitely whether or not the property-owners would or would not have the right to confiscate the surplus earth.

E. A. Cronch stated that his company were agents for one of the parties owning property on the street, and they proposed to take their share of the superfluous earth and their lots.

The Mayor requested that all the parties who wished to do so would withdraw their bids, and several complied with the invitation. The rest of the bids were then opened. Borahlo, being the lowest bidder, was awarded the contract. His bid amounted to \$326.92.

## THE STEVENS MONUMENT.

The opening of bids for the construction of the foundation for the Stevens monument was then taken up and John McLaughlin, being the lowest bidder, was awarded the contract. His bid was \$342, against \$467 and \$518, the amounts bid by other contractors.

PROTESTING PROPERTY-OWNERS.

A communication was received from the property-owners on the alley between Seventh and Eighth, K and L streets, stating that the paving had been left for grading and improving of the alleys, and that if the work was done according to the surveys injury would be inflicted on a great deal of the property adjoining. The City Engineer was ordered to look into the trouble.

George Brannigan asked the Board that they notify the railroad company to make the slopes on each side of the K street for the safety of traffic. The Board agreed to do so as soon as the grading of the streets, which has just been finished. Trustee McLaughlin was to attend to the matter.

## TWO LEGAL OPINIONS.

A communication was received from the City Attorney who gave as his opinion that Thirteenth street from K to L could be ordered graded by the Board, notwithstanding the preferences of the property-owners. Both K and L streets were graded, and under the Vrooman Act the work could be ordered done.

In regard to the sanitary questions as to how long stanchions, posts, etc., he has referred the question to San Joaquin Inspector Starr.

Inspector Starr was present, and notified the Board of the different places that need attention. It was ordered that action in that matter be taken up at an early date.

## TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE WIRES.

An ordinance was presented to the Board laying down rules for the telegraph and telephone companies in regard to affixing their wires to the city poles. It was read for the first time, and it will be taken up for final passage next Monday.

## THE HEALTH OFFICER.

The appointment of H. L. Nichols as Health Officer was confirmed by the Board.

## MORE LIGHT WANTED.

A request was made for a street lamp on the west side of Fifth street, between J and K. Trustee McLaughlin will first see if it is a necessity.

## THE CEMETERY RECORDS.

A communication was received from R. W. Parker, Superintendent of the City Cemeteries, stating that he could not find the records containing the deaths occurring during the years 1871 to 1875. The late records of the New Helvetia Cemetery were also missing. The communication was placed on file, and an effort will be made to find the records.

## DEFECTIVE SEWERS AND BULKHEADS.

L. B. Burke notified the Board that the sidewalk on Third and K streets was in a bad condition, and that the sidewalk was overflated at the corner. The attention of the Street Commissioner was called to the matter.

Hop. H. P. York, through a communication, notified the Board that there was a bad break in the bulkhead on Thirteenth street, between J and K, and that their property was being injured on account of the same. This was also a case where the damage was on the neighbors' shoulders.

## A CASE OF SUICIDE.

It was ordered that the property owners on N street, from Third to Fifth, appear before the Board next Monday and show cause why the grading of the said street should not be postponed until after the N. W. Kidder appears and notifies the Clerk that the work was a great necessity, and that in the winter time the street, especially between Second and Third, was transformed into a small lake.

## SIDEWALKS CONDEMNED.

The sidewalk on the west side of the Broadway, on N street, between Second and Third, and also the one adjoining it on the west, were condemned by order of the Board.

Bids for the privilege of city scavenger will be received next Monday morning.

## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS.

Resolutions of intention were passed to grade, improve, etc., Q street from Front to Second, and also to construct a sewer in the alley, from Eleventh to Thirteenth street, between J and K.

TOWNSHIP JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

The Mayor suggested that the Superiors be requested not to appoint a Township Justice to fill the place of the late I. S. Brown. He thought that what little business was done in that Court could best be had by the City Justices, and thus money would be saved.

The Clerk was ordered to write to the city authorities at Santa Rosa and get a copy of their ordinance relating to the city licensees.

## OFFICIAL REPORTS.

The Poundkeeper made the following report for the past month: Number of heads of horses impounded, 17; cows, 26; dogs, 64. Total, 107. Out of this number 44 dogs were impounded and released. The horses and cattle were all released. The sum of \$118.25 was charged and received from impounding said animals.

A. Kidder, Harbormaster, submitted the following report: Levee, \$100; boats, \$10; fish market, \$10. Total, \$177.50. Dr. R. W. Parker, Superintendent of the City Cemeteries, reported as follows: Number of deaths in the city during the month of April, 1889, 1878, averaging 17. A. Stevens and wife the custody of their grandfather—the then infant son of A. D. and May Billings—by legal adoption. This is the order that cuts an important figure in the division of the estate of A. J. Stevens. It is recorded in Book 1 of the Civil Records of the County. R. C. White, Mrs. Bella Douglass well known, competent and experienced stock actors, and B. J. Murphy, another of the troupe, who is less known, but made a favorable impression. Timothy Burns, a violinist, brought here for entertainment, 16. Total number interred, 43. Out of this number 17 were buried in the City Cemetery, 8 in the New Helvetia, 11 in the Joseph, and 6 in the city cemetery. Five bodies were sent to other places throughout the State. Exhumation permit issued, \$6; collected for sale of lots, \$190; permits, \$1; exhumation permit, \$80. Total, \$270.

The Clerk of Police reported as follows for the month of April: Total arrests made, 327; lodgers accommodated, 48; meals furnished, 1,285; cases handled at last report, \$1,000; cases received during month, \$7. Total cash, \$17.75. Paid out during the month, \$15.10; balance on hand, \$2.65.

PROPOSED CITY CENSUS.

Mayor Gregory suggested that a census

of adults of this city be taken at the same time that the City Marshals were making a count of the school children, and it was so ordered.

Adjourned for the week.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

Taverner's slaughtered Sheep—W. A. Henry for Township Justice.

George Taverner appeared relative to his sheep that were killed by the fall of the McCabe wire bridge across the Cosumnes. He claimed to have lost 135 head; that the sheep were not stamped, nor forced upon the bridge, and that the sheep were worth at least \$20 each.

Some other testimony was taken in regard to the master, which was then taken under advisement.

Sitting as Swamp Land Commissioners, the Board allowed the claim of the Mutual Life Insurance Company for \$1,032.42 against Redding, District No. 1.

An election was ordered to be held at Isleton on June 11th for Trustees of District No. 407. A. T. Allender was appointed Inspector, and C. W. Gardner and Samford Directors.

The matter of the application of Mrs. Alice M. Valensin for the closing of an old road and the opening of a new one leading to Arma Station from the lone road was fully considered and concluded till 10 A. M.

An order was made allowing the Grand Island Ferriage Company to change its landing on the Sacramento river to a point 500 feet distant.

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